

SERVICE COMMITTEE

August 3, 2026

The August 3, 2026 Service Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Dale Rowe, Chairperson. Service Committee members present were Dale Rowe, Kate Niederkohr, and Andy Voorheis.

Others present included: Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Keith Niederkohr, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$213,898.69 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$213,898.69. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the July 20, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed infrastructure improvement agreement with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC). Mr. Voorheis indicated that he does not like the cap mentioned in the proposed agreement. Service Committee members agreed that the agreement, as proposed, is not a good protection of the City's tax payers.

Mr. Schoenberger reported that representatives from LDC visited the Water Treatment Plant on Thursday, July 30, 2026 to discuss a \$2,400,000.00 upgrade that would include controls being redone and electrical upgrades.

Mr. Schoenberger also reported that on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 Mr. Luke Heritage, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), conducted an inspection of the wastewater side of the Water Treatment Plant and Mr. Heritage was pleased with the inspection and he will be sending a report to Mayor McColly soon.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that Mr. Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor, worked on Industrial Drive today to raise a manhole and this work will be completed on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that construction of the Interceptor Sewer Project by Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc. is currently on North Warpole Street near Gamber Drive, and headed south. Approximately 140' of sewer line per day is being installed. A natural gas line on North Warpole Street was hit recently during the construction of the project.

Mayor McColly indicated that a meeting was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 with representatives from Upper Sandusky Schools and Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc. regarding the condition and resurfacing of Houpt Drive, adjacent and to the south of the high school. During the meeting representatives from Helms & Sons Excavating explained compacting, watering, and grading that need to be done before the street can be resurfaced. Mayor McColly indicated that Houpt Drive will not be resurfaced before the start of the upcoming school year.

Mayor McColly stated that the intersection of Houpt Drive and North Warpole Street is open to vehicular traffic, but not semi truck traffic.

Mr. Niederkohr presented an Evaluation of Alternatives, as prepared by Peterman Associates, Inc., including information concerning the development of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) controls and eleven (11) sewer separation projects. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the plan can be modified and the Ohio EPA knows about the plan.

Mr. Niederkohr shared information regarding the 2026 Sandusky River Tour in Wyandot County as presented by the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition to take place on Thursday, August 20, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and it includes a tour of the Upper Sandusky Water Reclamation Center.

Information provided by Waterworth regarding increases in wastewater charges for residential and commercial customers, as previously discussed at the July 20, 2026 Service Committee meeting, was again discussed. It was noted that the City’s wastewater income from LDC is still undetermined.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairperson